GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4217
ANSWERED ON:17.12.2002
EARTHQUAKES IN JABALPUR
JAYASHREE BANERJEE

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government are considering to give directions to Madhya Pradesh Government for using the money amounting to crores of rupees collected as earthquake surcharge following earthquake in Jabalpur as crores of rupees of earthquake surcharge are lying unutilized with the State Government; and

(b) whether the Union Government are considering any special package for the rapid development of Mahakaushal region of Madhya Pradesh which has been a neglected region owing to which there has been a constant demand for the separate Mahakaushal State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D.SWAMI)

(a): The State Government of MadhyaPradesh have informed that they had imposed a surcharge on commercial tax to meet the extra expenditure incurred on providing relief to the earthquake victims of the State. The question of using the amount for Jabalpur exclusively does not arise.

(b): Sir, there is no such proposal with this Ministry.